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# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2017- -C

IN RE:

Petition of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff for the Commission to Order a Rule to Show Cause as to Why the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Certain Providers of the Telecommunications Services Should Not Be Revoked

PETITION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF FOR A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE

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The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), by filing this petition, would respectfully show and request of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that:

- 1. The Commission is a state agency constituted pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina with its business offices located in Columbia, South Carolina. Further, the Commission is responsible for the regulation of telephone utilities operating for compensation as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-10 et seq. (Supp. 2014).
- 2. ORS is charged with the duty to protect the public interest pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10, et seq. (Supp. 2014).
- 3. The Telecommunications Companies ("Companies") listed in Attachment A are certificated "telephone utilities" as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-10(6) (1976) in that they are persons or corporations, their lessees, assignees, trustees, receivers or other successors in interest owning or operating in this State equipment or facilities for the transmission of intelligence by telephone for hire, including all things incident thereto and related to the operation of telephones. Attachment A also includes Wireless Carriers, which received ETC designation in South Carolina and agreed through a Stipulation to file certain reports with the Commission and/or Office of Regulatory Staff.

- 4. The Companies listed in Attachment A are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-710 et seq. (Supp. 2014). Further, they have submitted themselves to the jurisdiction of the Commission by their holding a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and/or having requested and received Eligible Telecommunications Designation in the State of South Carolina pursuant to federal and state requirements.
- 5. The Companies listed in Attachment A upon receiving their Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, were found to possess the technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the services requested. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(B)(1) (Supp. 2014) and/or Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation.
- 6. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-3-100, 58-3-540, 58-4-60, and 58-9-370 (Supp. 2014), the public utilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction are assessed by the Department of Revenue based on amounts that are certified by the Commission, the review committee, and ORS to be assessed. ORS may require annual reports and special reports concerning any matter about which the ORS is authorized to inquire or keep itself informed or which it is required to enforce.
- 7. The Companies listed in Attachment A with an X listed in Column A have failed to submit the requisite gross receipts filings. The companies are required to submit their Gross Receipts form on August 31st annually.
- 8. ORS has the responsibility to ensure that telephone utilities are filing certain reports. "Subject to the approval of the Commission, the Office of Regulatory Staff may require any telephone utility to file annual reports in such form and of such content as the Office of Regulatory Staff may require and special reports concerning any matter about which the Office of Regulatory Staff is authorized to inquire or keep itself informed or which it is required to enforce." S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-370(A) (Supp. 2014).
- 9. The Companies listed in Attachment A with an X listed in Column B have failed to submit the requisite 2015 Annual Telecommunications Report that was due on April 1, 2016.

- 10. The Universal Service Fund ("USF") is administered by the ORS under guidelines adopted by the Commission. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(E) (Supp. 2014).
- 11. The Commission USF guidelines approved in Order No. 2011-996, requires each carrier to file on an annual basis the information necessary to allow ORS to calculate the carrier's contribution. The annual filing is referred to as the Universal Service Fund Contribution Worksheet ("USF Worksheet").
- 12. The Companies listed in Attachment A with an X listed in Column C have failed to submit the requisite USF Worksheet that was due on August 1, 2016.
- 13. The information for the business entities listed in Attachment A to the Petition accurately reflects the information on file with the South Carolina Secretary of State. See Attachment B, Affidavit of James McDaniel.
- 14. "Each telephone utility shall obey and comply with each and every requirement of every order, decision, direction, rule or regulation made or prescribed by the Commission and every direction, rule or regulation made or prescribed by the Office of Regulatory Staff in the performance ... or in relation to any other matter in any way relating to or affecting the business of such telephone utility and shall do everything necessary or proper in order to secure compliance with and observance of every such order, decision, direction, rule or regulation by all of its officers, agents and employees." S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-390 (Supp. 2014).
- 15. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-1120 (Supp. 2014), "the Commission may ... conduct such other hearings as may be required in the administration of the powers and duties conferred by Articles 1 through 13 of this chapter and by other laws relating to telephone utilities."

# WHEREFORE, the ORS staff prays that the Honorable Commission:

1. Enter an order establishing a Rule to Show Cause instituting a formal proceeding against the persons and business entities listed in Attachment A to this Petition.

2. For the persons and business entities listed in Attachment A pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Regs.

103-830 (Supp. 2014), cause a copy of this petition to be served upon such named respondents or other

proper person or entity.

3. Require the parties to submit an Answer to this Petition within the deadlines prescribed by

the Commission's rules and regulations.

4. Schedule and conduct a formal administrative hearing to address disputed issues of fact

and law regarding the Certificate issued pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-820 (Supp. 2014) or the Eligible

Telecommunications Carriers designation.

5. Find that the Companies listed in Attachment A have not complied with orders, decisions,

directions, rules and regulations made or prescribed by the Commission.

6. Enter a final order canceling the Certificates or suspending the ETC designation of the

carriers listed in the Attachment,

7. Take other appropriate action which the Commission may deem necessary.

Jenny R. Pittman, Esquire

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April 27, 2017

# Telephone Utilities that have not filed Gross Receipts Report, Annual Report, or SC USF Contribution Worksheet

(An X indicates the report was not received by the Office of Regulatory Staff)

Сотрапу	Gross Receipts Form	Annual Report	USF Worksheet	Certificate Type	Address	Docket #	Order #	Entity Status	Agent
Access Communications, LLC	X		х	CLEC & IXC	Mark Lammert Compliance Solutions, Inc. 242 Rangeline Road Longwood, FL 32750	2010- 236-C	2010- 739	Good Standing	CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 1703 LAUREL STREET COLUMBIA, South Carolina 29201
AccessLine Communications Corporation d/b/a Voice Telco Services			X	IXC	Renee Underwood Regulatory Contact 3310 146th PL SE Bellevue, WA 98007	2005- 163-C	2005- 554	Good Standing	C T CORPORATION SYSTEM 2 OFFICE PARK COURT SUITE 103 COLUMBIA, South Carolina 29223
American Phone Services, Corp.		X	x	IXC	Riccardo Ferranti President 308 Maxwell Rd. Suite 100 Alpharetta, GA 30009-2062	2000- 148-C	2000- 776	Good Standing	NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS INC 2 OFFICE PARK CT STE 103 COLUMBIA, South Carolina 29223
Coast International, Inc.	Х	Х	Х	IXC	Charles Brenneman VP, 14303 West 95th Street Lenexa, KS 66215	1990- 373-C	1990- 1 <b>0</b> 57	Forfeited	
Enhanced Communications Network, Inc. DBA Asian American Association Telecom Services			x	IXC	Thomas Haluskey 1031 South Glendora Ave West Covina, CA 91790	1998- 621- C	1999- 361	Good Standing	ARTHUR C PELZER 266 MEETING ST CHARLESTON, South Carolina 29401

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ExteNet Systems, Inc.			х	CLEC & IXC	George Vinyard 3030 Warrenvile Rd, Sulte 340 Lisle, IL 60532	2012- 207-C	2012- 718	Forfeited	CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 1703 LAUREL STREET COLUMBIA, South
Navacore, LLC			x	CLEC & IXC	Thomas K. Gwyn PO Box 3413 Rock Hill, SC 29732	2006- 111-C	2006- 468	Good Standing	Carolina 29201 THOMAS K. GWYN 2354-B EBENEZER ROAD ROCK HILL, South Carolina 29732
NECC Telecom, Inc.	x			IXC	Cheri Wall Regulatory Compliance c/o SRVR LLC 4969 US Hwy 42, Suite 2700 Louisville, KY 40222	2003-13- C	2003- 634	Forfeited	Business Filings International, Inc. Office Park Court Suite 103 Columbia, South Carolina 29223
Net One International, Inc.	X	х	х	IXC	Susan Cockerham Fas Tek Compliance Solutions 1725 Windward Concourse Suite 150 Alpharetta, GA 30005	1997- 223-C	1997- 945	Good Standing	INCORP SERVICES INC 317 RUTH VISTA ROAD LEXINGTON, South Carolina 29073
River Battom Ventures, LLC	x			PSP	357 Cedar Creek Rd. Swansea, SC 29160	1985- 150-C	2002- 206	Good Standing	SUSAN DAVIS 357 CEDAR CREEK ROAD SWANSEA, South Carolina 29160

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Pulse Telecom, LLC	X			IXC	1415 W Cypress Creek Suite 300 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309	2008- 399-C	2009- 98	Good Standing	Business Filings International, Inc. Office Park Court Suite 103 Columbia, South Carolina 29223
Telmex USA, LLC			x	IXC	Ovebimpe Ovewale- Smith Contract & Compliance Specialist 3350 SW 148th Ave, Suite 400 Miramar, FL 33027	2005- 36S-C	2006- 435	Good Standing	CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 1703 LAUREL STREET COLUMBIA, South Carolina 29201
Tempo Telecom, ELC (ETC)		х		WIRELESS ETC	Angela Hoke Manager-Legal & Regulatory 2323 Grand Blvd, Suite 925 Kansas City, MO 64108	2013- 239-C	2013- 674	Good Standing	CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 1703 LAUREL STREET COLUMBIA, South Carolina 29201

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The Certificates of Public Convenience and	)	AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES M. MCDANIEL
Necessity for Certain Providers of	)	
Telecommunications Services Should Not be Revoked	)	

The Affiant, after having been first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- My name is James M. McDaniel and I am employed by the Office of Regulatory
   Staff ("ORS") as the Program Manager.
- 2) My office is located at 1401 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201
- 3) I and/or personnel under my direction researched the South Carolina Secretary of State's website in order to determine the corporate status of the business entities listed in Attachment A of this petition.
- 4) I attest that, to the best of my knowledge, the corporate statuses of the business entities listed in Exhibit Attachment A are accurate.

AND FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

## ATTACHMENT B

JAMES M. MCDANIEL
Program Manager
Telecommunications Area
Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street, Suite 900
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Sworn and subscribed before me

this 27 day of apeic

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Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 01 05 202

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This is to certify that I, Karen D. Elliott, have this date served one (1) copy of the ORS PETITION FOR A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

[PLEASE FIND LIST OF PARTIES SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES]

Karen D. Elliott

April 27, 2017 Columbia, South Carolina Corporation Service Company 1703 Laurel St. Columbia, SC 29201

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